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DELIVER TO NEA/ARN/DRAPER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

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SUBJ: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. PROGRESS TOWARD ENLARGED GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE
HELD UP BY CHAMOUN'S OBJECTIONS REPORTED YESTERDAY
AS WELL AS EQUIVOCAL ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY GEMAYEL.

THIS ALMOST CERTAINLY INDICATES JUMBLATT IS NO
LONGER OBJECTING TO PLACING AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE
AMONG NUMBER OF LEFTIST REPS IN ENLARGED GOVERNMENT.
MEANWHILE, JUMBLATT HIMSELF IS GETTING READY TO TRAVEL
TO PARIS AND ELSEWHERE. HIS MEETING WITH KARAME IN
PRESENCE OF KHADDAM AND ARAFAT YESTERDAY BARELY CAME
OFF AND DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE WARMED BAD FEELINGS
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BETWEEN THE MEN VERY MUCH. AFTER MEETING JUMBLATT

WAS REPORTED IN PRESS AS SAYING "WE DON'T KISS BEARDS ANY MORE".

2. EDDE TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT NEIGHTER HE NOR SALAM WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A GOVERNMENT AS LONG AS SULEIMAN FRANGIE IS PRESIDENT.

3. THERE WERE AT LEAST EIGHT MORE KIDNAPPINGS REPORTED YESTERDAY. PLA TROOPS WERE NOTED PATROLING ON THE CORNICHE NEAR EMBASSY THIS MORNING FOR FIRST TIME IN WEEKS. ON OTHER HAND, LEFT WING PPS PARTY MET WITH SYRIAN BAATHIST KANSO YESTERDAY AND APPEARS TO BE GOING ALONG WITH SYRIAN EFFORTS. KHADDAM IS REPORT-EDLY GOING TO DAMASCUS TODAY INSTEAD OF TOMORROW AND NOT RETURNING UNTIL MONDAY. PRESS REPORTS THAT ONE OF THE LEBANESE ARMY REBEL LEADERS, MAJOR HAMADY, HAS AGREED TO SURRENDER. LT. KHATIB IS REPORTEDLY GOING TO SYRIA BY THE END OF THE WEEK AND RESIGNING FROM LEBANESE ARMY. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO CONFIRM INFORMATION GIVEN TO ASSISTANT ARMA EARLIER THIS WEEK TO THE EFFECT THAT ALTERNATIVE MOSLEM ARMY THREAT WOULD BE SOLVED "IN 48 HOURS".

4. EMBASSY STAFF AND AMERICAN COMMUNITY ARE ECSTATIC OVER RELEASE YESTERDAY OF USIA OFFICERS GALLAGHER AND DYKES WHO WILL BE RETURNING TO THE U.S. LAMBRAKIS

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